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PUBLIC DELEGATE SEGEL'S STATEMENT ON APARTHEID IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) WAS WELL RECEIVED. NIGERIAN REP ASKED THAT TEXT BE CIRCULATED AS COMMITTEE DOCUMENT, WHICH PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT VOTE. NIGERIAN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT US HAD CHOSEN TO STATE CLEARLY ITS POSITION TOWARD SA AND CONCERNING "FACTS AND CLAIMS" WHICH HAD BEEN MADE ABOUT US POLICY. REPS OF ZAMBIA, CANADA AND FRANCE SAID PRIVATELY THAT THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH FIRMNESS OF STATEMENT. AUSTRALIANS, MAURITANIANS, AND IRANIANS ALSO COMPLIMENTED SPEECH PRIVATELY. SOUTH AFRICAN ARGUS PRESS CORRESPONDENT WAS STRUCK BY SERIOUSNESS OF STATEMENT CONCERNING US POLICY TOWARD APARTHEID.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT, AS DELIVERED:

QUOTE ON THE OCCASION OF MY FIRST STATEMENT BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE; ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU UPON YOUR ELECTION, AND TO ASSURE YOU OF THE FULL COOPERATION OF OUR DELEGATION.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE SAID AGAINST APARTHEID HAS BEEN SAID. NOT ONE WORD HAS BEEN SAID IN DEFENSE OF APARTHEID. AND RIGHTFULLY SO. IN A WORLD IN WHICH THERE ARE ALL TOO MANY ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS, APARTHEID IS AMONG THOSE WHICH ARE ABSOLUTELY INDEFENSIBLE. THIS PERNICIOUS FORM OF SYSTEMATIZED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION THAT CONTINUES TO REPRESS THE NON-WHITE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA HANGS HEAVY OVER THE CONSCIENCE OF ALL MANKIND.

BUT WHAT CAN BE DONE TO REDRESS THE WRONGS OF APARTHEID?

THE WORLDWIDE ATTENTION THAT HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE PROBLEM, PRINCIPALLY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE NATIONS THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IS A GREAT HELP. WE COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR PERSISTENCE AND FOR YOUR DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF ELIMINATING THIS UNJUST AND DEMEANING WAY OF LIFE THAT IS IMPOSED UPON MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF THE POPULATION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

THE UNITED STATES IS AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TAKEN UNILATERAL ACTION TO HELP MOVE THIS PROBLEM TOWARD SOLUTION. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO STATE, FOR THE RECORD, WHAT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS CITIZENS HAVE ACTUALLY DONE AND ARE DOING, BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN SOME INCORRECT INFORMATION DISSEMINATED IN THE PRESS AND IN THIS BUILDING, REGARDING OUR GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES AND POSITION ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

FOR ONE THING, THE UNITED STATES HAS STRONGLY URGED THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF AMERICAN FIRMS WHICH HAVE FACILITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA TO SET AN EXAMPLE BY IMPROVING  
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WORKING CONDITIONS, SALARIES, AND WAGES OF THEIR NON-WHITE WORKERS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE SOME WHO DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS POLICY, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS A HELP, NOT A HINDRANCE. FURTHER, THIS POLICY HAS BORN FRUIT. A NUMBER OF U.S. FIRMS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE NOW FOLLOWING THE EXTRAORDINARY PRACTICE (EXTRAORDINARY FOR THAT COUNTRY) OF PROVIDING EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK, REGARDLESS OF RACE. AMERICAN FIRMS ALSO HAVE SET THE PACE IN PROVIDING IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL, LEGAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS TO NON-WHITE WORKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

SECONDLY, THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THAT IT IS WRONG FOR ANY COUNTRY TO ASSIST THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN ENFORCING ITS APARTHEID POLICIES. FOR THIS REASON, WE IMPOSED AN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA EVEN BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS DID SO. WE HAVE OBSERVED THIS EMBARGO VERY CAREFULLY AND CONTINUE TO DO SO. MOREOVER, WE HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY MILITARY OR NAVAL COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN THE LAST DECADE. AND, DESPITE ALLEGATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT COORDINATED DEFENSE STRATEGY WITH SOUTH AFRICA, NOR DO WE HAVE ANY INTENTION OF NOW INSTITUTING SUCH COOPERATION.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, WOULD LIKE APARTHEID TO END. TO END AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA HAVE SUFFERED FAR TOO LONG UNDER THIS OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM.

WE KNOW FROM OUR OWN PAINFUL STRUGGLE WITH RACIAL DISCRIMINATION THAT CHANGE MUST BE PURSUED VIGOROUSLY AND IN MANY FIELDS--EDUCATION, LABOR, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, HOUSING, VOTING RIGHTS, ETC.

MR CHAIRMAN:

WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THE DIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL AND ECONOMIC GROUPS CREATES SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. BUT FIVE YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO WAS ISSUED, AND ALTHOUGH SOME CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE, IT IS PAINFULLY OBVIOUS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT RISEN TO THE CHALLENGE  
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OF THIS CONSIDERED AND RESPONSIBLE DOCUMENT.

WE BELIEVE THAT APARTHEID CAN STILL BE ENDED PEACEFULLY. IT IS CLEARLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING CERTAINLY THOSE IN SOUTH AFRICA, THAT THE CHANGE COME ABOUT THIS WAY.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE UNITED STATES CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO RE-EXAMINE ITS POLICIES AND POSITION IN LIGHT OF PRESENT DAY REALITIES. WE SAY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA: YOUR REPRESSIVE RACIAL SYSTEM IS INDEFENSIBLE. IT IS BOTH WRONG AND UNWISE TO TRY TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN IT. WE MOST STRONGLY URGE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO BRING A TIMELY END TO ITS APARTHEID POLICIES AND RACIAL INJUSTICE, AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IN THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS TO DO THIS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOUVERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. UNQUOTE  
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